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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, WB, US, FR, UK, GE, UPU
SUBJECT: GDR NOTE ON EXTENSION OF UNIVERSAL POSTAL
UNION (UPU) AGREEMENTS TO BERLIN

REF: (A) BONN A-628 (DECEMBER 31, 1974)

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE GDR HAS SENT A NOTE TO THE SWISS
GOVERNMENT COMMENTING ON THE EXTENSION OF UPU AGREE-
MENTS TO WEST BERLIN. AT JUNE 8 BONN GROUP MEETING,
AD REF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THE TEXT OF AN ALLIED
RESPONSE DRAWN, WITH SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS, FROM THE
OMNIBUS PACKAGE (REF A). ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL
OF TEXT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR US MISSION GENEVA (OR EMBASSY BERN) TO
COORDINATE RESPONSE WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH. END
SUMMARY.

1. IN JUNE 8 BONN GROUP MEETING FRG REP (HENZE)
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DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING NOTE (EMBASSY TRANSLATION):

BEGIN TEXT

(SWISS) FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER

COUNTRIES OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION CONCERNING THE ACTS OF THE 17TH UNIVERSAL POSTAL CONGRESS SIGNED AT LAUSANNE ON JULY 5, 1974.

DECLARATION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

BY NOTIFICATION NO. 12 OF 28 JANUARY 1976 THE FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT INFORMED THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE ACTS OF THE 17TH UNIVERSAL POSTAL CONGRESS BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

REFERRING TO THE AFOREMENTIONED NOTIFICATION, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION BY NOTE OF AUGUST 23, 1976:

"THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TAKES NOTE OF THE

DECLARATION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ON THE APPLICATION TO BERLIN (WEST) OF THE ACTS OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION OF JULY 5, 1974, AND PRESUPPOSES THAT THE APPLICATION TO BERLIN (WEST) OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREED ACTS CONFORMS WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 ACCORDING TO WHICH BERLIN (WEST) IS NOT A CONSTITUENT PART OF
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THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND MAY NOT BE GOVERNED BY IT."

THE PRESENT NOTIFICATION IS EFFECTUATED BY THE SWISS GOVERNMENT IN ITS CAPACITY AS DEPOSITORY OF THE ACTS OF THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION. BERN, APRIL 22, 1977.

END TEXT

2. AGREEMENT AD REFERENDUM WAS REACHED ON THE TEXT SET OUT BELOW. THIS IS DRAWN FROM I.A.(I) OF THE OMNIBUS PACKAGE, BUT PARAGRAPH 4 WAS AMENDED TO DELETE THE WORDS "...CONTAINING INCOMPLETE AND MISLEADING REFERENCES TO PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT..." WHICH FOLLOWED "COMMUNICATIONS." IT WAS AGREED THAT THE AMENDED WORDING CONVEYED MORE PRECISELY THE ALLIED INTENT NOT TO BECOME ENGAGED IN A WAR OF NOTES WITH NON-SIGNATORIES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE NOTES ARE MISLEADING.

3. TEXT OF PROPOSED ALLIED REPLY:

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(L) (OPENING PARAGRAPH REFERRING TO THE DOCUMENT IN
QUESTION.)

(2) THE GOVERNMENT OF (BLANK) WISHES TO POINT OUT
THAT THE GDR IS NOT A PARTY TO THE QUADRIPARTITE
AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971, WHICH WAS CONCLUDED IN
BERLIN BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, THE
UNION OF THE SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, THE UNITED
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND IS NOT THEREFORE
COMPETENT TO COMMENT AUTHORITATIVELY ON ITS PROVISIONS.

(3) THE ABOVE NOTE CONTAINS AN INCOMPLETE AND THEREFORE
MISLEADING REFERENCE TO THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.
IN THIS CONNECTION THE GOVERNMENT OF (BLANK) WISHES
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TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE PROVISION OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE NOTE STATES THAT "THE TIES BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILL BE MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT THESE SECTORS CONTINUE NOT TO BE A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND NOT TO BE GOVERNED BY IT."

(4) THE GOVERNMENT OF (BLANK) DOES NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY, NOR DOES IT INTEND TO RESPOND TO ANY FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS ON THE SUBJECT FROM STATES WHICH ARE NOT SIGNATORIES TO THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT. THIS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TO IMPLY ANY CHANGE IN THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF (BLANK) IN THIS MATTER.

(5) (APPROPRIATE FORM OF WORDS TO ACHIEVE SAME CIRCULATION AS NOTE REFERRED TO ABOVE.)

END TEXT

4. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF TEXT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR US MISSION GENEVA (OR EMBASSY BERN AS APPROPRIATE) TO COORDINATE RESPONSE WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH.
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